GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3639
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SEPARATE MINISTRY FOR FISHERY SECTOR
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representation from several fishermen associations/groups to form a seprate ministry for fisheries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to(c): The government has been receiving representations from several fishermen associations/groups suggesting creation of a separate ministry for fisheries. At present there is no proposal for creation of a separate ministry for fisheries under consideration of the Government. It is however, mentioned that a separate Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was carved out of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in February 1991. Fisheries Division was transferred to this Department in October 1997. The Department was thereafter named as the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, which is a department of Ministry of Agriculture and provides focused attention on matters relating to animal husbandry, dairying and Fisheries.